

MINUTES

BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC)

Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Betty Gosney called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. **ROLL CALL OF MAC MEMBERS:**

Betty Gosney, Chair – Present
Israel Fuentes, Vice-Chair – Present
Jackie Cox – Present
Eric Scott – Absent
Gary Grossich – Present

3. **DIGNITARIES ATTENDANCE:**

Daniel A. Enz – District Director, Assembly Member Cheryl Brown
Deborah L. Sousa – CFO/Treasurer, West Valley Water District

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of January 6, 2015 meeting were approved.

5. **STAFF REPORTS:**

CHP – Officer Scott Riley brought crash/fatality stats from the past year. Reminded the public that the amended ordinance banning the parking of vehicles for sale goes into effect on Friday 2/6, however, there will be a 30 day cooling off period before issuing citations.

Sheriff's Department – Sgt. Silva was not present, however, Dave Jayne advised the public that there has been an increase in vehicle theft within the past two weeks.

Special Districts – Not present

County Fire Department – Not present

Supervisor Gonzales' Office – Erika Moses provided locations within the county for household hazardous waste disposal. She informed the public that the directory and resources are available on the back of the agenda. Chris Mann, Deputy Chief of Staff, introduced himself and explained that the special presentation is not a land use hearing, but an opportunity for the community to provide feedback and advised that the ultimate decision regarding the proposed development project lies solely with the San Bernardino County Planning Commission.

6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

Proposed High Cube Warehouse at Laurel Ave. & Slover Ave. – Joe McKay from JM Realty Group gave a presentation regarding the proposed 344,000 square foot distribution facility located at Laurel St. and Slover Ave. Mr. McKay projected that the proposed facility would provide approximately 250-300 new jobs to the area. He stated that the truck route will be on Locust Ave. and that no trucks will enter the facility off of Laurel Ave. and all truck traffic would be between midnight and the early morning hours. The proposed project would require a zone change from Residential to Industrial. Mr. McKay concluded his presentation and asked for questions and comments from the community.

Public Comment:

Rose Diaz – Expressed her concern that truck traffic will affect Laurel Ave.

Larry Burgos – Stated that Locust Ave. has always been a truck route and that increased truck and employee traffic will cause additional wear and tear on the roads. Mr. Burgos suggested that the County of

San Bernardino should focus on infrastructure and beautification projects in the community. He asked whether any impact studies had been done regarding the schools in the area.

Pam Geil – Attended a Healthy Bloomington event at Kaiser and wanted to make sure that health issues would be addressed regarding the increased truck traffic and wants to see more trees planted.

Lou Gosney – Cautioned neighbors to stop burning outdoor fires and trash and that as a community they needed to be more cautious of what they're doing. She said she has not noticed truck traffic on North/South or residential streets.

Pam Harris – Wanted to know what improvements the proposed project would be to the community, including if it would provide an increase in property values.

Thomas Rocha – Wanted to know what type of work would be conducted at the proposed development project. Mr. Rocha read a letter from a Real Estate agent, who estimated that property values would decrease by at least 20% for the homes directly adjacent to the proposed project. He presented a photo of the current view from the back of his home and a rendering of what that view would look like with the proposed project.

Lupe Duran – Wanted to know if the warehouse would be a 24-hour operation.

Kim Rocha – Expressed her concerns with the noise and truck traffic, which would interfere with when she gets up to go to work. She also asked whether the County of San Bernardino had encouraged the developers to move forward with the proposed project.

Alma Morrell – Wanted to know what stage of the planning process that the proposed project was in. *Chris Mann responded that the project had not come before the planning commission and they were coming to the MAC to get feedback prior to providing Supervisor Gonzales with a recommendation.*

Andy Soto – (Former planning manager for Colton) Wanted to know if the proposed project was a part of the industrial corridor. Mr. Soto stated that the proposed project will be built to spec and they would have no control over the occupant. He asked if a traffic analysis or noise study had been conducted. He stated that there was a shortage of homes in the area and they should look towards housing developers and not industrial.

Betty Walters – Stated that the community is in the middle of change right now and that they should look at Monrovia as a positive example of what development and investment in a community looks like.

MAC Member Comment:

Israel Fuentes – Stated that he was listening to all the comments and concerns and wants the best for the community because he is a part of the community.

Gary Grossich – Encouraged everyone to bring their concerns to the planning commission and reiterated the need for a specific plan for Bloomington. He asked if residents were against the proposed development because it was in their neighborhood or because it was bad for the community. He asked that the community to take a look at the proposed project versus the alternative of the parcels remaining vacant.

Jackie Cox – Said she was taking in everyone's comments and encouraged the community to continue to speak up and stay strong.

Betty Gosney – Thanked everyone for their participation in the discussion. She supports improving the area through projects that would be a benefit to the community.

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7. DISCUSSION ITEM:

Topics for upcoming agendas and upcoming presentations –

- March 3, 2015 – Sheriff's Dept. Juvenile Intervention Program
- March 3, 2015 – Community College/Workforce Investment Board Information
- Bloomington Small Business Recognition Program
- TBD K9 Demonstration

8. COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- Bloomington Lions Club – Pancake breakfast on February 7, 2015 at Ayala Park.
- San Bernardino Valley Riders – Event at Kessler Park on April 11, 2015.
- Memorial Street Dedication for Virginia Geil on February 23, 2015 at 10am at the Historic Bloomington Garage located at 10175 Orchard.
- Bloomington Little League – Starting a division for special needs kids (ages 4-18 years old), sign-ups are every Saturday through February 7, 2015 10am-2pm. Opening Day is April 4.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Merlin Rassow – Expressed his concerns regarding weed abatement and code enforcement.

Betty Walters – Commented on the proposed redevelopment impacts to the area.

Thomas Rocha – Thanked everyone for attending the meeting and voicing their opinions.

Andy Soto – Emphasized that the community needs a specific plan for zoning.

Trina Escarzaga – Informed the public that there has been an on-going issue with graffiti on the snack bar and out buildings at Kessler Park.

10. MAC MEMBER COMMENT:

Israel Fuentes – Mr. Fuentes thanked everyone for attending and to bring another person with them to the next meeting. He reminded the public that in order to have the annual Christmas parade the community needs to participate through donations and by volunteering and encouraged everyone to volunteer for the Citizens Patrol.

Jackie Cox – Mrs. Cox thanked everyone in attendance, reminded them to stick together as a community and invite friends to the next meeting.

Betty Gosney – Mrs. Gosney thanked everyone for coming and reminded them that MAC meetings are the place to bring their concerns. She encouraged everyone to help with the Bloomington Little League.

Gary Grossich – Mr. Grossich thanked everyone for their involvement and commitment to the community. He encouraged everyone to stay involved and give their input on issues.

11. ADJOURN MEETING:

Betty Gosney adjourned the meeting at 9:02 pm.

NEXT MEETING
March 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm